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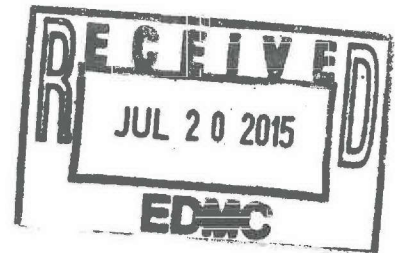
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**INITIATION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION REGARDING DISAPPROVAL OF HANFORD
FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER CHANGE CONTROL
FORM M-45-15-03**

References: 1. ORP letter from K.W. Smith to J.A. Hedges, Ecology, "Transmittal of Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order Change Control Form M-45-15-03 to Modify Milestone M-045-82 for Approval," 15-TF-0065, dated June 30, 2015.

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2. Ecology letter from J.A. Hedges to K.W. Smith, ORP, "Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement) Change Control Form, Change Number M-45-15-03, dated June 25, 2015," 15-NWP-128, dated July 14, 2015.

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The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) transmitted to the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), a signed Class II Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement or TPA) Change Control Form to modify Milestone M-045-82 (Reference 1). The form proposed that Milestone M-045-82 be modified to require submittal of closure plans for incorporation into the Hanford sitewide permit and to change the submittal date.

Ecology disapproved Change Control Form M-045-15-03 on July 14, 2015 (Reference 2). Therefore, ORP is providing notice that it objects to Ecology's disapproval and is initiating dispute resolution under TPA Article VIII, "Resolution of Dispute." ORP will make a good faith effort to informally resolve this dispute with Ecology at the TPA Project Manager level.

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